

Accessibility Services

Independence National Historical Park

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Location	Mobility Disability	Blindness / Low Vision	Deafness / Hard of Hearing	Rest room physically accessible?
Independence Visitor Center Sixth & Market Streets Philadelphia, PA Visitor Contact Station Third & Chestnut Streets Philadelphia, PA	Accessible.	Braille & Large Print park folders. Rangers provide verbal information. Films at visitor center. Shop at visitor center offers audio & large print items. Braille model of Park at visitor contact station.	TTY/TDD: 215-597-1785. We hire ASL interpreters for deaf visitors. Captions, caption readers & assistive listening devices for films. Exhibit text. Printed park maps/ historical information /program guides for all buildings. Outdoor wayside exhibits with text & graphics are throughout the park.	Yes
Liberty Bell	Accessible building. Rangers will lift ropes to allow visitors to touch the Bell if they wish to do so.	Ranger talk - with descriptive language. Blind visitors, like all others, can gently touch the Bell if they wish.	The Liberty Bell - printed audiotape script. Ask for assistive listening devices (available just inside entrance.)	Yes, in nearby separate buildings on Market St. just east and west of Liberty Bell building.
Independence Square - Outdoor area	Accessible from northern (Chestnut St.) side via gradual slope.	Ranger available to answer questions.	Wayside signs. ASL signed July 8 Declaration reading. Printed Declarations.	No restrooms
Independence Hall	1 st floor accessible via ramp. Text/photo album describes 2 nd floor.	Ranger led tour - with descriptive language.	Get Birthplace of a Nation pamphlet, assistive listening device or printed tour at the East Wing	No restrooms
Congress Hall	1 st floor accessible via ramp. Photo album with text describes 2 nd floor.	Ranger talk - with descriptive language. Touchable reproduction furniture in House Chamber.	Birthplace of a Nation pamphlet. Sign identifiers in some 2 nd floor rooms. Printed talk.	No restrooms
Old City Hall	Accessible.	Ranger talk - with descriptive language.	Birthplace of a Nation pamphlet.	No restrooms
East Wing Orientation for Independence Hall tour	Accessible.	Verbal orientation.	Captioned orientation video. Get printed Inde Hall tour, assistive listening device & Birthplace pamphlet here.	No restrooms
West Wing- "Great Essentials"	Accessible.	Ranger available to answer questions & to describe exhibit.	Exhibit text. Great Essentials exhibit booklet.	No restrooms

Second Bank Portrait Gallery	Accessible only with use of Stair Track. Accessible entry will be ready in 2003.	Ranger talk - with descriptive language.	Portraits & objects have descriptive labels. Gallery Guide pamphlet.	Not currently. Accessible rest rooms will be ready in 2003.
Pemberton House (Museum Shop)	Accessible via garden entrance.	Items include audio & large print books & reproduction objects.	Shop offers printed items & captioned Independence film.	No restrooms
New Hall Military Museum	1 st floor accessible via portable ramp. Photo album with text for 2 nd floor.	Ranger available for questions & exhibit descriptions.	Exhibit text.	Not accessible
Carpenters' Hall	Not accessible. Accessible entrance being planned.	Large print brochure and Braille booklet.	Exhibit text. Special events are signed	No restrooms
Todd House	Photo album with text available at the house.	Ranger led tour with descriptive language	Album with photos & text.	No restrooms
Declaration House	1 st floor accessible from garden's west door. Photo album with text for 2 nd floor.	Ranger available for questions & exhibit description. Film.	Exhibit text and album with text & photos.	Not accessible
Bishop White House -closed for utility work, 2001	Ramp to 1 st floor. Photo album with text available in Visitor Contact Station & house.	Ranger led tour - with descriptive language.	Printed site bulletin: Bishop William White, at home in Philadelphia.	No restrooms
The City Tavern 18 th -Century Dining	No. There are steps to entrances. Accessible entry is being planned.	Food service. Waitstaff available for questions & food descriptions.	Food service. The Story of The City Tavern pamphlet.	Not currently. Accessible rest rooms are being planned.
Franklin Courtyard	House structure accessible via portable ramp (stored in 318 Market.)	Ranger available for talks & questions seasonally.	Exhibit text.	Yes
FC Post Office US Postal Service Station	1 st floor accessible from Courtyard. Elevator to Postal Museum, 2 nd floor.	Postal clerks available for stamp sales & to answer basic questions.	Exhibit text.	No restrooms
318 Market Street Architectural / Archeological Exhibit	1 st floor accessible via portable ramp. Printed script of 2 nd floor audio station. Photo album w/text describes 2 nd floor.	Ranger available for questions & exhibit descriptions. 2 nd floor audio station. Reproduction objects	Exhibit text. Printed script of 2 nd floor audio station.	No restrooms
320 Market Printing Office	Accessible via Courtyard door.	Ranger talk - with descriptive language. Reproduction objects & tactile exhibits.	Exhibit text	No restrooms
Franklin Court Underground Museum	Accessible via ramp (Ask ranger in Courtyard or Printing Office to unlock elevator if needed.)	Ranger available for questions & exhibit descriptions. Armonica demonstration.	Captioned film. Printed scripts of World Stage & Franklin Exchange. Exhibit text.	Yes

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